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1. SECURITY SITUATION:

A. MILITARY ACTIVITY REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL DURING THE TWO- DAY
REPORTING PERIOD WITH NO MAJOR ACTIONS INITIATED BY EITHER SIDE.
ATTACKS BY FIRE (ABF), SEARCHES, MINE DETONATIONS AND OTHER LIGHT
ACTIVITY CONTINUED SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE CORPS. IN THUA THIEN
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PROVINCE, ON JUNE 25, QUANG DIEN DISTRICT MSS, POPULAR FORCES, AND NATIONAL POLICE DISCOVERED A CACHE AND HAD AN ENGAGEMENT AT YD707 357 RESULTING IN TWO ENEMY KIA INCLUDING A DISTRICT COMMISSAR. IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE ON THE NIGHT OF JUNE 24, VC FIRED ONE B-40 ROUND AND THREW HAND GRENADE IN A CIVILIAN HOUSE AT BT067347 RESULTING IN A FRIENDLY NCO KIA, TWO PSDF, AND SIX CIVILIANS WOUNDED. ON THE MORNING OF JUNE 26, 2 ND COMPANY, 78 TH RANGER BATTALION HAD AN ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ENEMY SIX KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF DA TRACH (ZC195350) IN WESTERN DUC DUC DISTRICT RESULTING IN THREE FRIENDLY WIA. ENEMY RESULTS UNKNOWN. AT 0600 HOURS ON JUNE 26, 1 ST COMPANY, 79 TH RANGER BATTALION, IN COORDINATION WITH QUE SON SUBSECTOR, CONDUCTED A SEARCH 2 1/2 KILOMETERS NORTH OF NUI BA TINH (BT053397) AND ARRESTED 18 VCI. IN THE SAME VICINITY AT 1330 THE SAME DAY THE 1 ST COMPANY, 79 TH RANGER BATTALION, RECEIVED AN ABF OF 10 MORTAR ROUNDS TWO KILOMETERS NORTH OF NUI DA TINH (BT054393). NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED.

B. FOLLOWING ARE SIGNIFICANT STATISTICS FOR THE REPORTING PERIOD BROKEN OUT BY THE DATE THEY WERE BRIEFED AT I CORPS HQ.

JUNE 26:

SIX CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED, INCLUDING FOUR ABF (52 MORTAR ROUNDS) AND TWO HARASSMENTS. THREE ENGAGEMENTS WERE ALSO SHOWN. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 3 KIA, 9 WIA; ENEMY 9 KIA, 2 CAPTURED. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 53 ROUNDS, ALL SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

JUNE 27:

FIVE CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED INCLUDING TWO ABFS (12 MORTAR ROUNDS) AND THREE HARASSMENTS. ONE ENGAGEMENT WAS REFLECTED. CASUALTIES WERE: FRIENDLY 1 KIA, 10 WIA; ENEMY 1 KIA, 18 VCI CAPTURED (REPORTED ABOVE). FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED 129 ROUNDS, ALL SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

2. COMMUNIST AIR ACTIVITY:

THE I CORPS TOC LOG FOR THE PERIOD ON JUNE 26 AT 1600 HOURS SHOWS TWO ENTRIES REGARDING NVA AIR ACTIVITIES, AS FOLLOWS:

A. 261200 H: ONE MIG 19 FLEW FROM THE DIRECTION OF BA LONG TO THE NHU LE (YD314482) AREA, THEN CROSSED THE THACH HAN RIVER AND FLEW NORTH.

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B. 261215 H: ONE MIG APPEARED IN QUANG TRI AIR SPACE, CIRCLED THREE TIMES AND THEN FLEW NORTH.

C. DAO REPRESENTATIVE HAS CHECKED WITH G-3 WHO OBTAINED THE

FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE I CORPS AIR CONTROL CENTER: SIGHT-
INGS WERE BY GROUND FORCES; HOWEVER, THERE WAS NO RADAR
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TION.

3. GVN ACTIVITIES:

POLOFF QUANG TIN REPORTS THAT COLONEL DAO MONG XUAN, PROVINCE
CHIEF QUANG TIN, APPEARS DETERMINED TO OCCUPY ALL OF THE COASTAL
PLAIN OF TAM KY DISTRICT. UNTIL EARLY JUNE, HE HELD ONE OF HIS
TOTAL OF EIGHT RF BATTALIONS IN RESERVE OR TRAINING STATUS, BUT
JUST BEFORE JUNE 15 THAT BATTALION WAS COMMITTED TO STRENGTHEN
THE GRADUAL ADVANCE TOWARD THE FIRST RANGE OF LOW HILLS IN THE
NORTHWESTERN PART OF THE DISTRICT. THE GVN TACTIC IS NOT TO AYSALT
VC BUNKERS, BUT TO FLOOD RELATIVELY SMALL AREAS WITH A TEN TO ONE
PREPONDERANCE OF TROOPS, THEY THEN SIT WEEK AFTER WEEK
CONSTRICTING
AND HARASSING VC COMMUNICATIONS AND SUPPLY UNTIL THE VC ARE
FORCED TO WITHDRAW.

4. COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES:

POLOFF HUE REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING TO AN ENEMY DEFECTOR WHO
ESCAPED JUNE 22, THE TOWN OF DONG HA IN THE PRG CONTROLLED AREA
OF QUANG TRI NOW HAS A SMALL ICE CREAM FACTORY. (CONGEN COMMENT:
CONSIDERING THE REACTION OF GVN OFFICIALS TO THE TURNING ON OF
LIGHTS IN DONG HA (REF DANANG 0544 PARAGRAPH 7), EMBASSY ECON/
COMMERCIAL SECTION MIGHT WISH TO INVITE ATTENTION OF U. S.
INVESTORS TO DRAMATIC POSSIBILITIES OF PRODUCING AND PEDDLING
ICE CREAM ALONG THE I CORPS NORTHERN FRONT. A BATTLE OF GOOD
HUMOR MEN MIGHT BREAK THE MONOTONY THERE. END COMMENT).
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